

that deals with those requests. We have attempted over the years in an unsystematic fashion to deal with these different proposals. As a result we have not dealt as accurately and fairly with the proposals as we should. The concept before you is an attempt to be fairer with people, to look at the issue maybe from unbiased eyes of individuals with some expertise in the health care field but without perhaps a direct interest in the proposals at hand, to look at these changes in licensure and scope of practice, to evaluate them, to make a report, to have the Board of Health review that report and add to or accept the report and send it to the Director of Health who can then add to or accept the report and finally send it to the Legislature. Now what authority have we granted to the Health Department? Nothing more than a chance to have them review these proposals and make a recommendation before we get those proposals and act on them. It is a little like the court system that we have. We are the Supreme Court, we are the final decision makers on these licensure requests. All we are saying is we are kind of setting up an appellate court situation where you go first to this other court, present your case, and they make a determination, and then they send that on up to us as the Supreme Court and we make the final decision except we have had the facts sorted through and we have got some ideas of recommendations and options that we have and then we make a final determination. So we don't delegate anything other than a first review process that can help us make better decisions and so that is what we are asking to do. It is not delegation of authority. It is an attempt to more systematically and fairly deal with the issues brought to us by these different proposals. At the point the Public Health and Welfare Committee gets this report and gets this information, we again make the decisions we have in the past but with a second opinion or a third opinion, for that matter, different than what we have ever had before. I think this will help the committee make better decisions. It will help the Legislature make better decisions and I don't think that is bad, I think that is good. I would ask your support for LB 407 and move it over to Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.